

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 MBFR V 00203 01 OF 02 111755Z  
ACTION ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ACDE-00 CIAE-00 EUR-12 H-01 INR-10  
IO-13 L-03 NSAE-00 OIC-02 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-05  
SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 TRSE-00 NSC-05 /094 W  
-----084597 111830Z /50

P 111653Z APR 78  
FM USDEL MBFR VIENNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2735  
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 2 MBFR VIENNA 0203

MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM NATO MBFR  
SUBJ: MBFR: QUESTIONS REGARDING EASTERN DATA FOR APRIL 12  
AND 14 INFORMAL SESSIONS

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE AHG APPROVED QUESTIONS ON DATA FOR  
USE, OR POSSIBLE USE, IN THE APRIL 12 AND 14 INFORMAL SESSIONS  
WITH EASTERN REPS: BEGIN TEXT:

1. AS OUR FIRST INTERVENTION TODAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK  
SOME QUESTIONS AS TO HOW THE EAST HAS ALLOCATED PERSONNEL IN  
THE FIGURES IT HAS PRESENTED.
2. FIRST, AS REGARDS THE WAY IN WHICH THE EAST HAS ALLOCATED  
PERSONNEL BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES, IT IS OUR  
UNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT EASTERN REPS HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY THAT  
ALL OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS OF  
POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN THE EAST'S  
FIGURES FOR AIR MANPOWER OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. WE WOULD LIKE  
EASTERN REPS TO CONFIRM THIS FOR US.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MBFR V 00203 01 OF 02 111755Z

3. SIMILARLY, IT IS ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT AMB  
TARASOV SAID ON JUNE 28, 1977 THAT, IN THE CASE OF EACH EASTERN  
DIRECT PARTICIPANT, THE EAST'S FIGURES FOR AIR MANPOWER INCLUDE  
PERSONNEL OF HELICOPTER UNITS WHICH SUPPORT AIR FORCES. WOULD  
EASTERN REPS ALSO CONFIRM THIS FOR US.

4. TURNING TO QUESTIONS ON HOW THE EAST HAS ALLOCATED GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES OF MAJOR FORMATIONS AND OTHERS, WE NOTE THAT AT OUR LAST MEETING ON APRIL 4, AMB TARASOV SAID THAT BY THE TERM QUOTE SUBUNIT UNQUOTE THE EAST MEANT SUBUNITS OF THE PLATOON, COMPANY, BATTALION OR ARTILLERY BATTALION TYPE OR THEIR EQUIVALENT.

5. AMB TARASOV HAD SAID ON MARCH 16 THAT OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE SOVIET GROUPS OF FORCES STATIONED IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, QUOTE ONLY THE PERSONNEL OF SUBUNITS OF CENTRAL SUBORDINATION HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SECOND CATEGORY UNQUOTE.

6. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, THEREFORE, THAT THE ONLY GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL OF THE SOVIET GROUPS OF FORCES IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WHOM THE EAST HAS COUNTED IN THE SECOND CATEGORY ARE PERSONNEL IN SUBUNITS OF BATTALION SIZE OR SMALLER. IS THIS CORRECT?

7. AT OUR LAST MEETING AMB TARASOV SAID PERSONNEL OF QUOTE SMALL UNITS AND SUBUNITS UNQUOTE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE COMMAND OF THE GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE GDR HAD BEEN INCLUDED BY THE EAST IN THE SECOND CATEGORY.

8. SINCE EASTERN REPS HAVE SAID THAT QUOTE SUBUNIT UNQUOTE REFERS TO UNITS OF BATTALION SIZE OR SMALLER, AND THAT ALL  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MBFR V 00203 01 OF 02 111755Z

QUOTE DIVISIONS AND EQUIVALENT UNITS UNQUOTE HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS, WE ASSUME THE TERM QUOTE SMALL UNITS UNQUOTE MEANS UNITS OF BRIGADE OR REGIMENT SIZE. IS THIS CORRECT?

9. IN THE ALLOCATION OF SOVIET GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES, IS THE SOVIET ARTILLERY DIVISION IN THE GDR THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBORDINATION? THAT IS, IS THAT ARTILLERY DIVISION THE ONLY SOVIET UNIT, SUBUNIT, OR FORMATION WHICH IS NOT SUBORDINATE TO A SOVIET ARMY IN THE GDR OR TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN EITHER POLAND OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT WHOSE PERSONNEL THE EAST HAS COUNTED IN THE FIGURE FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS?

10. CAN YOU TELL US IN WHICH CATEGORY YOU HAVE COUNTED THE SOVIET BRIGADE IN BERLIN?

11. O, A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, ARE THE QUOTE PART-TIME PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH UNITS OF TERRITORIAL DEFENSE UNQUOTE (JEDNOSTKI OBRONY TERYTORIALNEJ) ONLY GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL OR ARE THERE ALSO AIR PERSONNEL WHO FALL INTO THIS GROUP OF PERSONNEL WHOM THE EAST HAS EXCLUDED FROM ITS FIGURES? END TEXT

BEGIN TEXT OF CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS:  
(FURTHER QUESTIONS ON EASTERN DATA CONTINGENT ON ANSWERS TO  
EARLIER QUESTIONS)

SECRET

NNN

SECRET

PAGE 01 MBFR V 00203 02 OF 02 111814Z  
ACTION ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ACDE-00 CIAE-00 EUR-12 H-01 INR-10  
IO-13 L-03 NSAE-00 OIC-02 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-05  
SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 TRSE-00 NSC-05 /094 W  
-----084807 111829Z /50

P 111653Z APR 78  
FM USDEL MBFR VIENNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2736  
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

S E C R E T SECTION 2 OF 2 MBFR VIENNA 0203

MBFR NEGOTIATIONS FROM US REP MBFR

#### 1. POSSIBLE SITUATION

EASTERN REPS GIVE AN AMBIGUOUS ANSWER TO THE WESTERN QUESTION  
OF APRIL 4 TO WHETHER FIGURES FOR PERSONNEL OF MAJOR  
FORMATIONS OF POLAND, CSSR, AND GDR INCLUDE PERSONNEL OF ANY  
UNITS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO HEADQUARTERS HIGHER THAN MILITARY  
DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.  
EXAMPLE: EASTERN REPS SAY POLISH AIRBORNE DIVISION ALSO IS  
COUNTED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS, BUT DO NOT SPECIFY WHETHER THIS  
IS THE ONLY EXCEPTION.

#### SUGGESTED WESTERN QUESTION

IN THE ALLOCATION OF GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL OF THE GDR, POLAND,  
AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES, DOES THE POLISH  
AIRBORNE DIVISION REPRESENT THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE EAST'S  
APPLICATION OF THE QUOTE PRINCIPLE OF SUBORDINATION UNQUOTE.  
(AS NEEDED: THAT IS, IS THAT AIRBORNE DIVISION THE ONLY  
UNIT, SUBUNIT, OR FORMATION NOT SUBORDINATE TO THE HEADQUARTERS  
OF A MILITARY DISTRICT WHOSE PERSONNEL THE EAST HAS COUNTED  
IN ITS FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS?)

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MBFR V 00203 02 OF 02 111814Z

## 2. POSSIBLE SITUATION

EASTERN REPS ANSWER THE WESTERN QUESTION REGARDING THE MEANING OF THE TERM QUOTE PART-TIME UNQUOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXCLUDED PERSONNEL OF POLISH UNITS FOR TERRITORIAL DEFENSE.

### SUGGESTED WESTERN QUESTION

IS IT THE CASE THAT THE ONLY PERSONNEL WHOM THE EAST HAS EXCLUDED FROM ITS FIGURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE IN THE QUOTE POLISH UNITS FOR TERRITORIAL DEFENSE UNQUOTE ARE THOSE POLISH PERSONNEL WHO FIT THE DESCRIPTION EASTERN REPS HAVE JUST GIVEN US FOR QUOTE PART-TIME UNQUOTE?

## 3. POSSIBLE SITUATION

EASTERN REPS INDICATE THAT, (IN ADDITION TO THE POLISH AIRBORNE DIVISION) THE FIGURES FOR PERSONNEL IN MAJOR FORMATIONS OF GDR, CSSR, AND POLAND INCLUDE PERSONNEL IN OTHER UNITS NOT SUBORDINATE TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF MILITARY DISTRICTS.

### SUGGESTED WESTERN QUESTION

DO THE UNITS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF (GDR, CSSR, POLAND) INCLUDE (IN ADDITION TO THE POLISH AIRBORNE DIVISION) UNITS OF BRIGADE-SIZE. IF SO, HAVE YOU COUNTED ALL BRIGADES AND BRIGADE-SIZED UNITS IN THIS CATEGORY?

## 4. POSSIBLE SITUATION

EAST INDICATES IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN POINT 9 OF PAPER NO. 1 THAT UNITS IN GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE GDR WHICH ARE  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MBFR V 00203 02 OF 02 111814Z

NOT SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES, BUT WHICH EAST HAS COUNTED IN SOVIET FIGURE FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS INCLUDES MORE THAN JUST THE ARTILLERY DIVISION. (I.E., ARTILLERY DIVISION IS NOT THE ONLY SOVIET EXCEPTION TO THE "PRINCIPLE OF SUBORDINATION".)

### SUGGESTED WESTERN QUESTION

DO THE UNITS IN THE SOVIET GROUP OF FORCES IN THE GDR WHICH ARE NOT SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES AND WHOSE PERSONNEL YOU HAVE INCLUDED IN THE MAJOR FORMATION CATEGORY INCLUDE BRIGADES? IF SO, HAVE YOU INCLUDED ALL UNITS OF BRIGADE-SIZE IN THIS

CATEGORY?

5. POSSIBLE SITUATION

EAST INDICATES THAT FIGURES FOR SOVIET PERSONNEL IN MAJOR FORMATIONS INCLUDE PERSONNEL IN BRIGADES OF THE GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN THE GDR WHICH ARE NOT SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES THERE, BUT THAT NOT ALL SUCH BRIGADES HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS.

SUGGESTED WESTERN QUESTION

A. IN WHICH CATEGORY HAS THE EAST COUNTED THE PERSONNEL OF THE SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE BRIGADES IN THE SOVIET GROUP OF FORCES IN THE GDR?

B. IN WHICH CATEGORY HAS THE EAST COUNTED PERSONNEL OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE UNITS OF THE SOVIET GROUP OF FORCES IN THE GDR WHICH ARE NOT PART OF DIVISIONS?

C. IN WHICH CATEGORY HAS THE EAST COUNTED PERSONNEL OF BRIGADE OR REGIMENTAL-SIZED TANK OR ARMORED UNITS OF THE SOVIET GROUP OF FORCES IN THE GDR WHICH ARE NOT PART OF DIVISIONS?

D. IN WHICH CATEGORY HAS THE EAST COUNTED THE PERSONNEL OF  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 MBFR V 00203 02 OF 02 111814Z

THOSE SOVIET UNITS IN THE AREA WHICH ARE DEVOTED MAINLY TO TRAINING NEWLY CONSCRIPTED SOLDIERS?

E. WHAT CRITERION DID YOU USE FOR THIS ALLOCATION?

END TEXTRESOR

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INFORMATION EXCHANGE, DATA, PERSONNEL, ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 11 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978MBFRV00203  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780155-1043  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** MBFR VIENNA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780470/aaaachvs.tel  
**Line Count:** 261  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 879ff0b2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ACDA  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 13 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3010936  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MBFR: QUESTIONS REGARDING EASTERN DATA FOR APRIL 12 AND 14 INFORMAL SESSIONS THE FOLLOWING ARE THE AHG APPROVED QUESTIONS ON DA  
**TAGS:** PARM, NATO, MBFR  
**To:** STATE DOD  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/879ff0b2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014